

OBITUARY NOTICES

Sir ALLEN GOLDSMITH

KCVO, MB, BS, FRCS

Sir Allen Goldsmith, who was surgeon oculist to the Queen until 1974, died on 13 December. He was 67.

Allen John Bridson Goldsmith was born on 27 November 1909, the son of a doctor. Educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, and the Middlesex Hospital, he qualified with the Conjoint diploma in 1931 and took the MB, BS with distinction in medicine and pathology. He held posts at the Middlesex Hospital and was appointed senior



Broderip scholar and awarded the Lyell gold medal. In 1934 he became FRCS. The following year he was appointed house surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital. In 1937 he became surgeon and pathologist to the Central London Eye Hospital, holding the appointment until 1948, when he became surgeon at Moorfields. He also served the Middlesex as ophthalmic surgeon, and other hospitals at which he was ophthalmologist were Paddington Green Children's Hospital, the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, and the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers.

He was lecturer in ophthalmology at London University and examiner in ophthalmology to the royal colleges. A joint editor of *Recent Advances in Ophthalmology*, he also published papers in specialist and medical journals. From 1952 to 1965 he was surgeon oculist to the Royal Household and then became surgeon oculist to the Queen, retiring from the appointment in 1974. He was created CVO in 1962 and KCVO in 1970. Sir Allen is survived by his wife Rosemary and by a son and two daughters.

S KNIGHT

MB, BS, DPH

Dr S Knight, a medical officer of health in Gloucestershire until his retirement in 1971, died suddenly on 7 November. He was 70.

Stephen Knight qualified in 1929 with the Conjoint diploma from University College Hospital, taking the MB, BS in 1933. He held resident posts at his teaching hospital and St Peter's, Whitechapel; Ventnor, Isle of Wight; and the Western Fever Hospital, London County Council. He then took the diploma in public health and held posts first with Essex County Council and then in Staffordshire, where he became medical officer of health for Brierley Hill. He moved to Gloucestershire in 1937, and, having joined the Territorial Army, was called for service

with the RAMC in 1939. He served mainly at the Corps depot at the Army School of Hygiene, where he was a lecturer with the rank of major. At the end of the war he returned to Gloucestershire, where he remained until his retirement. He was one of the first medical officers in the country to be appointed under joint arrangements by neighbouring local authorities which enabled district councils to benefit from the whole-time appointment of a specialist in public health. Dr Knight became a divisional medical officer for the county council and also medical officer of health to Cheltenham rural, Gloucester rural, Tewkesbury borough, and Charlton Kings urban district councils. Until 1948 he was also medical superintendent at Tredington Hospital, near Tewkesbury, which was then an isolation hospital for infectious diseases.

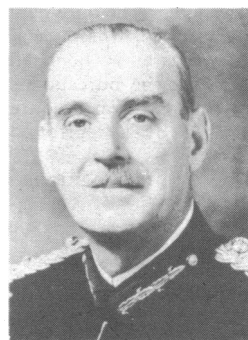
Stephen was a most friendly and courteous colleague. His work was his life, and his conscientiousness and carefulness were outstanding. He was a first-class district medical officer of health and he served Gloucestershire well. He is survived by his wife Peta and his two sons.—AW.

Major-General H C JEFFREY

CBE, MD, FRCPED, FRCPATH, DTM&H, late RAMC (Ret)

Major-General H C Jeffrey died on 27 November. He was 62.

Hugh Crozier Jeffrey was born at Glasgow on 9 April 1914 and educated at Dalkeith High School and Edinburgh University. He graduated MB, ChB in 1937 and was commissioned into the RAMC in 1938. He was in Malta at the outbreak of the second world war; then, after a short spell in West Africa, he served in India until 1948 as deputy assistant



director of medical services and officer commanding military hospitals Lahore and Rawalpindi. On his return to the United Kingdom he began training in pathology and after a short spell at the Leishman Laboratory and the Connaught Military Hospital attended the 45th senior officers course at the Royal Army Medical College, during which he gained the Leishman prize, took the DTM&H, and became a graded pathologist. He was then appointed exchange pathologist to the US Army and enjoyed a year at the Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. After a year at the Ministry of Defence he spent two years as deputy assistant director of pathology Hong Kong. On his return he went to Northern Command and then to Germany for four years. In 1961 he became professor

of pathology at the Royal Army Medical College. Three years later he was posted to Singapore for two years, and after a short spell as officer commanding military hospital Catterick on his return he was appointed director of Army pathology and consulting pathologist to the Army, which appointment he held until his retirement in 1974, when he was appointed CBE. He was appointed honorary surgeon to the Queen in 1969 and awarded the MD by Edinburgh University in 1973. Upon his retirement he became national medical director of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service and settled in Edinburgh.

General Jeffrey's interest covered histopathology, parasitology, and blood transfusion. In collaboration he produced an *Atlas of Medical Helminthology and Protozoology*, a second edition of which appeared in 1975, and he published papers on the changes in malarial parasites induced by chloroquine and on human sarcosporidiosis. He is survived by his wife and daughter.—JCR.

B KENTON

MRCS, LRCP, FFARCS, DCH, DA

Dr B Kenton, formerly senior consultant anaesthetist to Bethnal Green Hospital, died on 26 November. He was 79.

Bernard Kenton was born on 1 March 1897 in Warsaw. His medical studies at Warsaw University were interrupted for some time and he served in the Polish Army as a medical orderly when the Russians were approaching Warsaw. He qualified MD Warsaw in 1924. He went to London that year and in July 1925 qualified from Guy's Hospital with the Conjoint diploma. He was subsequently in general practice in Hampstead. As he then had a special interest in paediatrics he took the diploma in child health in 1937. From 1940 to 1941 he worked as a resident in anaesthesiology at the Montreal General Hospital. He also rendered voluntary medical service to the Polish refugee community in Montreal. In January 1942 he returned to England and joined the RAMC, serving in India and Iraq. While in the Army he took the diploma in anaesthetics. He was demobilised with the rank of major. Immediately after demobilisation he was appointed anaesthetic SHMO to Mr Douglas Northfield, neurosurgeon. In 1950 he was appointed senior consultant anaesthetist to Bethnal Green Hospital, where he remained until his retirement in 1966. He was elected FFARCS in 1954.

During his retirement he led a full intellectual life, devoting his time to the study of molecular spectroscopy and applied biophysics. He attended courses at Chelsea College and Kingston Polytechnic. Bernard Kenton was a dedicated and dynamic man. He had a wide variety of interests which he followed enthusiastically, including languages and music. He is survived by his wife Mary and by his daughter, who is also a doctor.—EK.